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To Representative Jenise May (Sponsor SB13-152 Sunset Review Asbestos Abatement):

My name is Thomas Case. I have been in this industry since 1986 as an asbestos consultant as well as a contractor. I am the Founder/President of Excel Environmental Inc. that has performed over 4000 safe asbestos projects over the last 12 years. I am also the current President of the Colorado Environmental Professionals Association (CEPA). On this occasion, I speak to you representing CEPA.

CEPA is an Industry Association representing most asbestos industry professionals in Colorado. CEPA boasts membership of approximately 80% of the upper tier abatement contractors and consultants. I represent the Association when I say, the State of Colorado benefits by having the current regulations in place. CEPA officially supports sunrise of the Asbestos Control Act that reauthorizes regulatory oversight and development of the State regulations to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). The regulations that direct our industry provide all contractors and consultants with the necessary approach to provide a very safe and complete abatement project.

It has been my experience working with the CDPHE regarding the regulations that the single most important goal of the CDPHE regulations is to provide a complete and safe process for abatement contractors and consultants to follow when providing these necessary and potentially hazardous services.

The regulation is a dynamic and evolving document that changes with the knowledge we attain from each and every abatement project performed. It is in concert with the CDPHE, our industry learning process, and an open dialogue with the CDPHE, that revisions are made to the asbestos regulations providing the necessary changes for a productive and safe performance and oversight.

Once again, CEPA wholeheartedly supports the reauthorization of Colorado's Asbestos Program and the provisions of SB13-152.

Warmest Regards

Thomas Case, President
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